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SUBJECT: SEOTSANYANA RETENTION

REF: A. MASERU 980; B. MASERU 994

1. DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED SEOTSANYANA'S SITUATION WITH BOTH AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE (AAI) AND YALE LAW SCHOOL. AAI HAS DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH YALE AND HAS ALSO ASKED AAI'S REPRESENTATIVE IN LESOTHO, MRS. S. MOKOSE, TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT STATUS OF SEOTSANYANA AND INFORM HIM OF YALE'S POSITION.

2. PROFESSOR QUINTON JOHNSTONE, CHAIRMAN OF GRADUATE PROGRAM OF YALE LAW SCHOOL, EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH SEOTSANYANA'S BEING ASKED TO TESTIFY AGAINST FORMER CLIENTS. JOHNSTONE SAID THAT WHILE YALE'S LATE REGISTRATION DATE WAS SEPTEMBER 23, SEOTSANYANA COULD BE ACCEPTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 26. AFTER THAT, HOWEVER, ADMISSION, IF STILL FEASIBLE, WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1975 FOR FUNDING REASONS.

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3. AAI'S POSITION IS THAT IT WOULD SUPPORT 1975-76

SEOTSANYANA APPLICATION IF GOL APPROVED (AAI'S NORMAL CAVEAT).
AAI NEW YORK HAS ALSO ASKED LESOTHO MISSION TO UN FOR ANY
CLARIFICATION IT CAN PROVIDE AS TO REASON FOR SEOTSANYANA
DELAY BUT HAS AS YET RECEIVED NO REPLY.

4. DEPARTMENT NOTES (PARA 2, REFTTEL B) THAT AUGUST 28
HAD BEEN MENTIONED BY GOL AS DATE FOR SEOTSANYANA'S
TRIAL APPEARANCE. EMBASSY REQUESTED DETERMINE WHETHER
HE DID APPEAR AND, IF NOT, LIKELY DATE OF HIS APPEARANCE.
IN EITHER CASE, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM GOL OF CUT-OFF DATE
FOR HIS SCHOLARSHIP.

5. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED CONFIRM WITH SEOTSANYANA THAT
AAI REP MOKOSE HAS INFORMED HIM OF YALE AND AAI POSITIONS
ON MATTER. KISSINGER

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